GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Taxation Policy on Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the taxation policy of imported and indigenous medicines, if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
(b) whether there is a possibility of increase in the selling prices of medicines due to this taxation, if so, whether this increase can be upto 10 per cent to 25 per cent; and
(c) if so, the reaction of the Government to this issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): The Government had notified on 28 January, 2016, the withdrawal of exemptions granted to certain categories of drugs mentioned at list 3 and 4 of Custom Notification No. 12/2012-Customs, dated the 17th March, 2012.

(b): As the Notification was issued on 28.01.2016, it is too early to know the impact.
(c): In view of reply to (b) above, does not arise.

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